Investigation into igg-games & gamestorrent

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Overview

The purpose of this document is to summarize information found online that reveals the identity of the individuals that operate the gaming piracy websites **“igg-games.com”** (http://igg-games.com/) and **“gamestorrent.co”** (http://gamestorrent.co/) which profit from the distribution of illegal copies of video games via advertisements (pop-up ads, etc). At the time of publication, they are ranked 1,305 and 5,958 globally by **Alexa.com**.

Establishing a Commonly Used Username

We must first identify a username used by the website owners on other sites or forums. As both websites use the content management system **WordPress**; we decided to look there.

The tool we are using to accomplish this is **WPScan**. Here are the full scan results for both sites:

- igg-games.com | https://pastebin.com/FQHwRjQg
- gamestorrent.co | https://pastebin.com/iUnnSjBk

We uncover the same WordPress username for both sites: vietphap123

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[i] User(s) Identified:

[+] vietphap123
 | Detected By: Author Posts - Author Pattern (Passive Detection)
 | Confirmed By:
 |  Wp Json Api (Aggressive Detection)
 |   - http://igg-games.com/wp-json/wp/v2/users/
 |  Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
 |  Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
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We have located the administrator account creating new posts on each website. As you can see here:

- http://igg-games.com/author/vietphap123 | http://archive.is/k17LE
- http://gamestorrent.co/author/vietphap123 | http://archive.is/2G4Ti

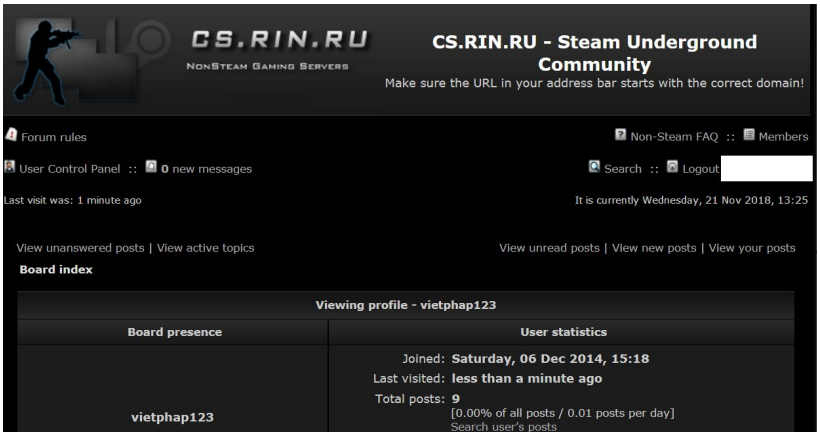
Online Profiles

Searching on Google reveals many hits for **vietphap123**:
https://www.google.com/search?q="vietphap123"

Here are the important ones which we will mention:

1. User vietphap123 on the OVH forums wanting to purchase a VPS (writes: “I think i will buy VPS at Online.net, bye”): https://forum.ovh.co.uk/showthread.php/9060-I-can-t-pay-for-VPS | http://archive.is/glAHH
2. “IGGGAMER” WordPress site: https://igggamer.wordpress.com/author/vietphap123/ | http://archive.is/lyhu4
3. Blogger.com site (Vietnamese): http://vietphap123.blogspot.com/ | http://archive.is/4TsM4
4. Private Tracker trading forum (private trackers are a prime source for illegal copies of copyrighted content): https://www.invitescene.com/profile/7571-vietphap123/content/ | http://archive.is/fVw2I
5. vietphap123 commenting on a GoDaddy coupon (site is in Vietnamese): https://canhme.com/godaddy-coupon/gd-coupon-thang-10-2013/ | http://archive.is/G4uNQ
6. The igg-games.com Disqus account (used to manage comments on the site) is @vietphap123: https://disqus.com/by/vietphap123/ | http://archive.is/mCHYR
7. vietphap123 posting a speedtest result on mmo4me.com (Vietnamese site): https://mmo4me.com/threads/mang-cuc-cham-ngay-ca-trong-nuoc.147482/#post-3029190 | http://archive.is/BCgks
8. vietphap123 on voz.vn (Vietnamese site yet again) with “gamestorrent.co” in their profile signature: https://forums.voz.vn/member.php?u=486192 | http://archive.is/QXsqv
9. Google Plus user vietphap vo with an “IGG” profile picture posting facebook hyperlinks: https://plus.google.com/110797677756935902362/posts/WSrVqARTfdG | http://archive.is/cn6BK
10. YouTube profile: https://www.youtube.com/user/vietphap123 | http://archive.is/jj78c
11. Facebook profile (which is deleted or has access restricted; lists two cities in Vietnam): http://archive.fo/gf1Aa | https://www.facebook.com/vietphap123
12. Steam profile (take note of the “phap” group with two members): https://steamcommunity.com/profiles/76561198057968528 | http://archive.is/Nmu3l (upon further research the other group member is named “Vietnhatvo” and their has their location as Viet Nam): https://steamcommunity.com/profiles/76561198065892744 | http://archive.is/9HA9T
13. Vidinterest account and their name as Vo Viet Phap (a real name?): https://vidinterest.tv/vietphap123 | http://archive.is/n8lkD
14. Twitter profile and their name as vo viet phap (mentions igg-games.com): https://twitter.com/installguidegam | http://archive.is/ahhPv

15. Imgur account that is 4+ years old: https://imgur.com/user/vietphap123/submitted | http://archive.is/DxgVu
16. Photobucket: http://s329.photobucket.com/user/vietphap123/profile/
17. Another WordPress site that looks similar to igg-games.com: http://cheapserver.info/author/vietphap123 | http://archive.fo/mjYUv
18. CS.RIN.RU account (requires to be signed in with an account to view profiles): https://cs.rin.ru/forum/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=544112



With the information above, we can conclude that the individuals who operate "igg-games.com" and "gamestorrent.co" are from **Vietnam** and reuse **vietphap123** as their username on various websites. Also, one of the individual's real name is possibly **Vo Viet Phap**.

Domain & DNS History

Let's take a look at the WHOIS history for igg-games.com: https://whois.easycounter.com/igg-games.com

Investigating the matbao.net entry at the very bottom, we get an address, phone number and again the name **Vo Viet Phap**: https://pastebin.com/E67XpF9M

Name: Ong Vo Viet Phap

Address: 62 An Diem, phuong 10, quan 5, Ho Chi Minh 70000 Vietnam

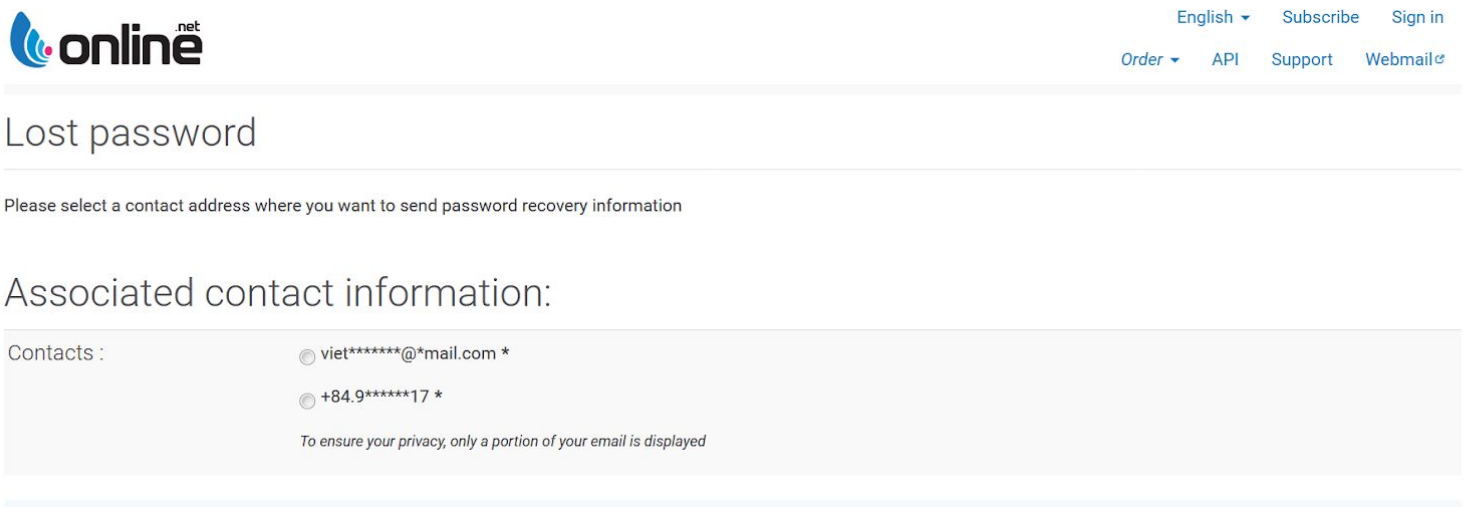
Phone: +84.986918917

Email: vietphap123@gmail.com

Now, let's see if we can find where the website for igg-games.com is most likely hosted: https://securitytrails.com/domain/igg-games.com/history/a | http://archive.is/FWat2

The most recent result that is not Cloudflare is **Online S.A.S. (or Online.net)**. Recall the post from vietphap123 on the OVH forums: "I think i will buy VPS at Online.net, bye" https://forum.ovh.co.uk/showthread.php/9060-I-can-t-pay-for-VPS | http://archive.is/glAHH

Using the login **vietphap123** at the **Online.net login recovery** yields the same phone number and email address we found from past WHOIS entries:



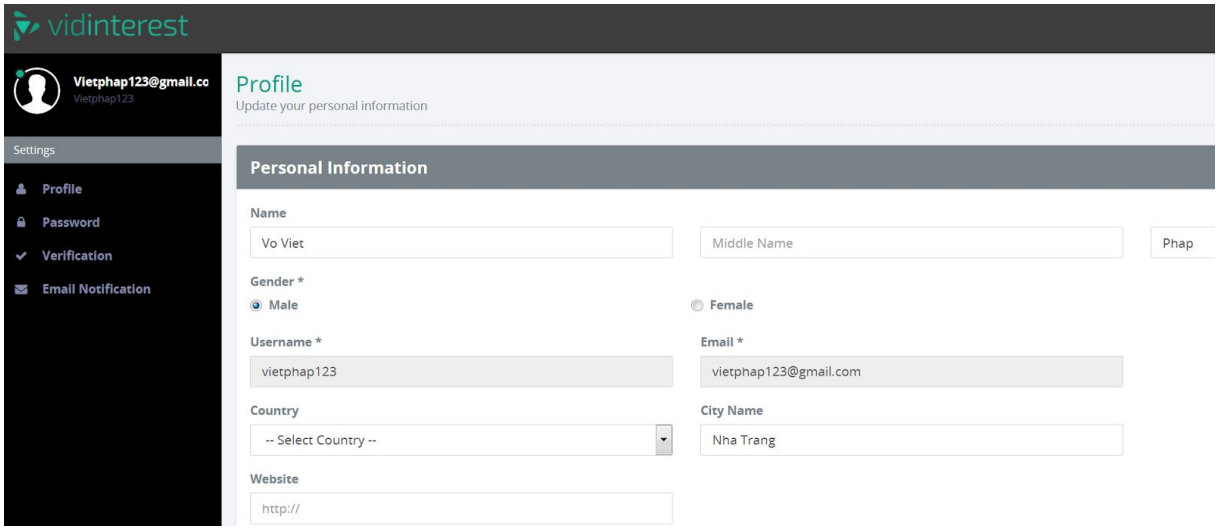
Confirms they are using Online.net servers for something.

Compromised Accounts

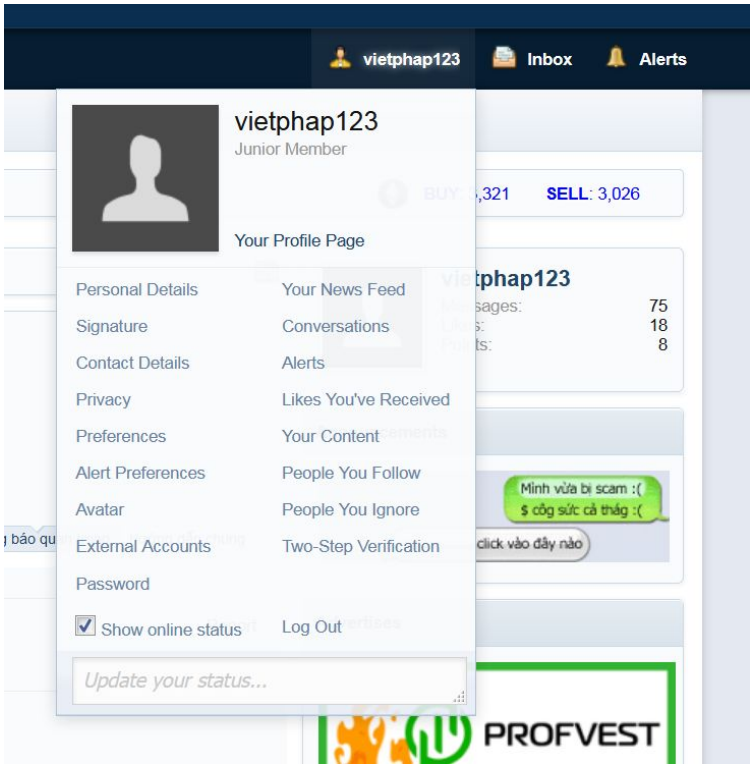
We decided to look in leaked databases for a password linked to the username **vietphap123.** The alias is reused everywhere, so most likely the password is too.

Our suspicion was confirmed true, and many of the accounts at various sites are accessible using vietphap123 / vietphap123@gmail.com and the password we found. Some examples:

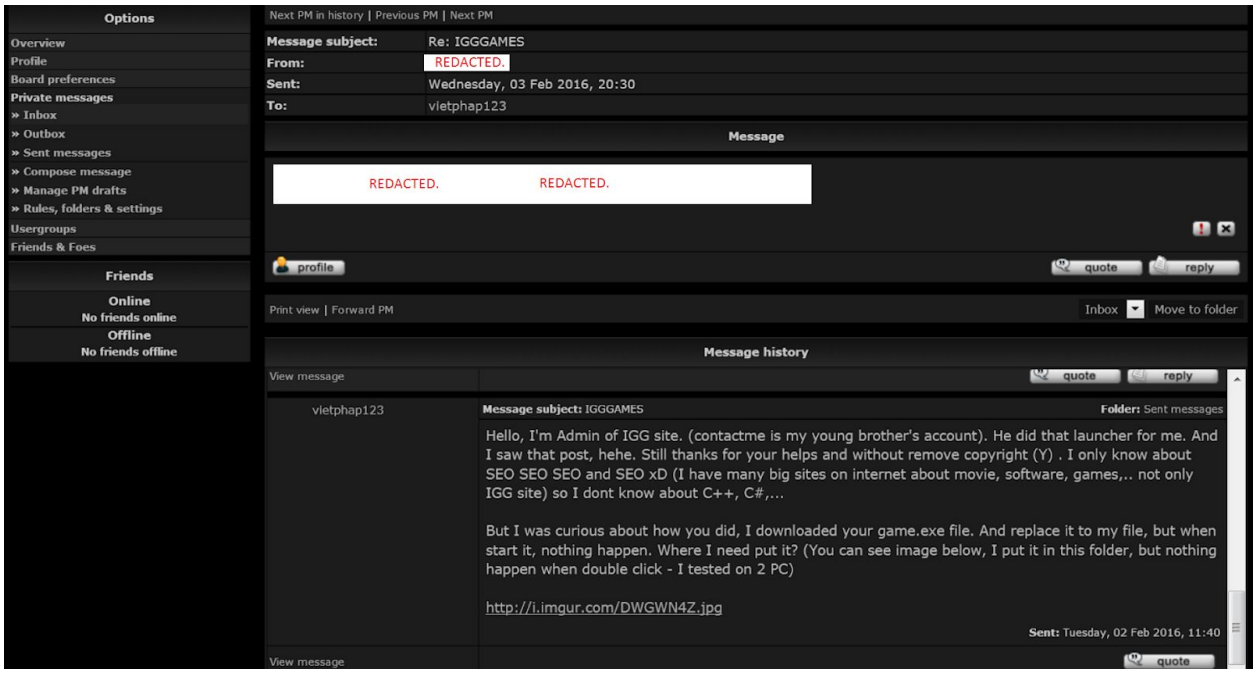
vidinterest account



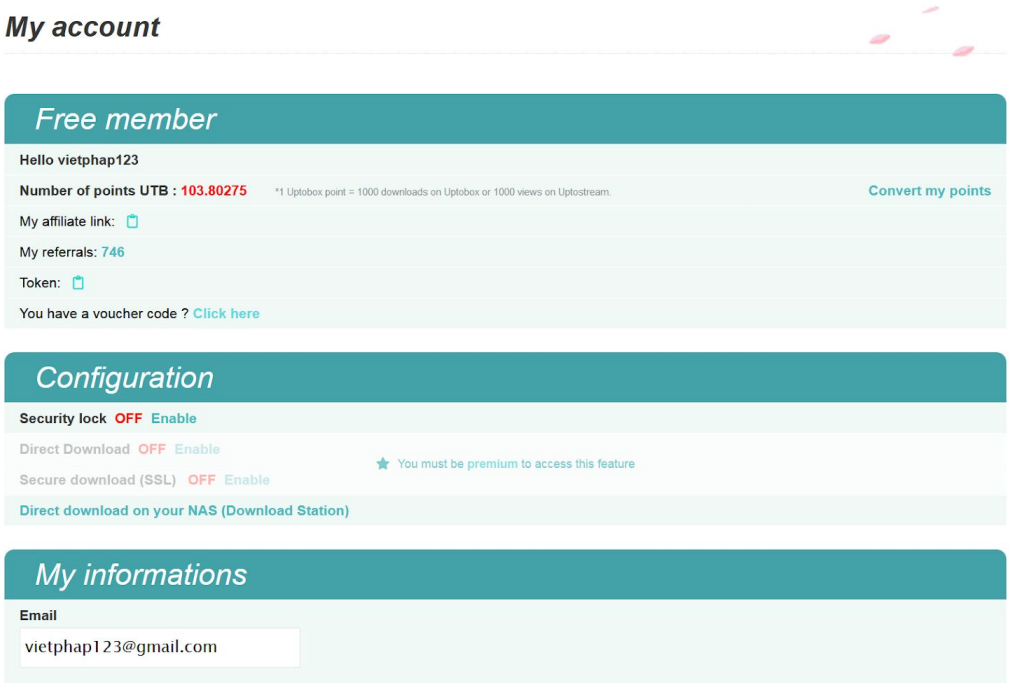
mmo4me.com account



CS.RIN.RU account - claims two brothers own and run the sites.



filehoster account "UptoBox"



Dumping the Imgur Account

Most of the accounts we can login to on various websites do not provide any additional or incriminating evidence. But then we hit the motherload.

Using the same credentials, we logged into the vietphap123 imgur account (https://imgur.com/user/vietphap123 | http://archive.is/tJVd1) and found it contained more than 100 unlisted images that confirm the individuals who own and operate "igg-games.com" and "gamestorrent.co" are two brothers from Vietnam: **Vo Tan Phap** and **Vo Viet Phap**.

We've made these images public. You can view them here: https://bit.ly/2PWqbdS

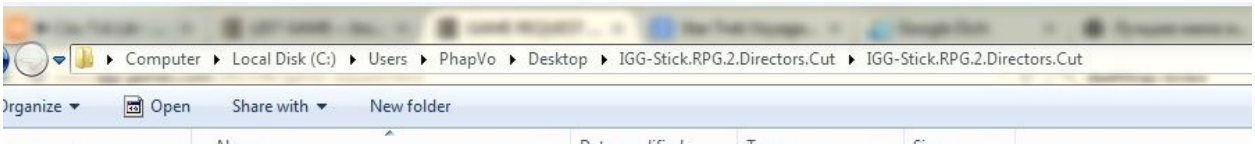
All the images from the account have been dumped and are available for download below:

Anonfiles: https://bit.ly/2Twp4j0

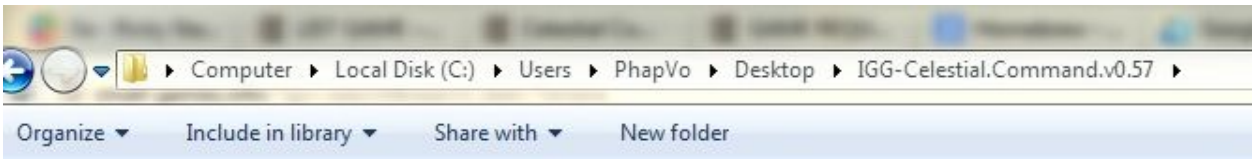
Analyzing the Evidence

There is an enormous amount of evidence provided by the images obtained from the imgur account. We are going to analyze the most important ones in this section.

In images **3 - 3Wogp5V.jpg** and **4 - oC6X667.jpg** we can see the username of the computer in the Windows directory bar: **PhapVo**. This is related closely to the name we found earlier (Vo Viet Phap) from past WHOIS information and on various online accounts:



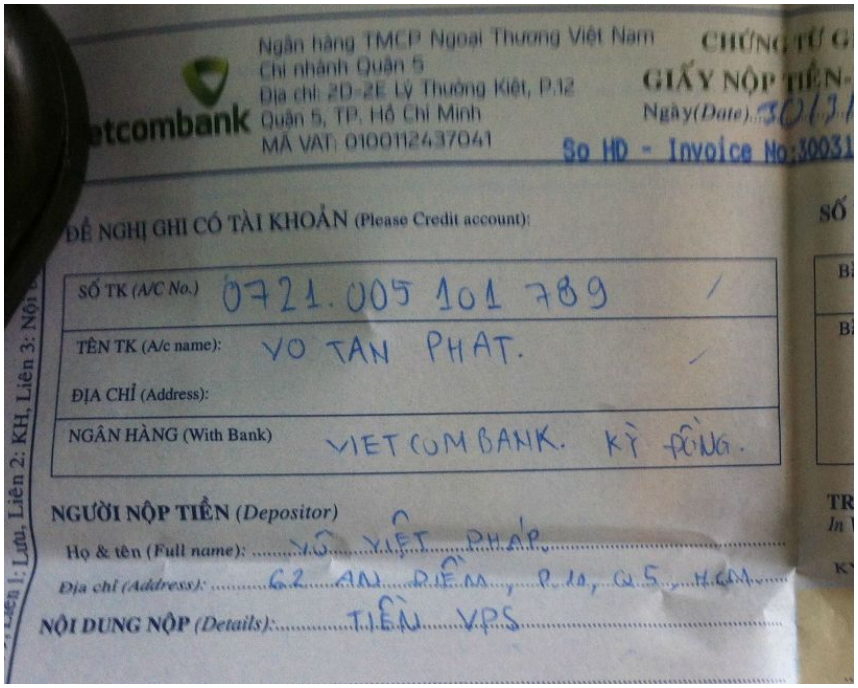
Taken from 3 - 3Wogp5V.jpg



Taken from 4 - oC6X667.jpg

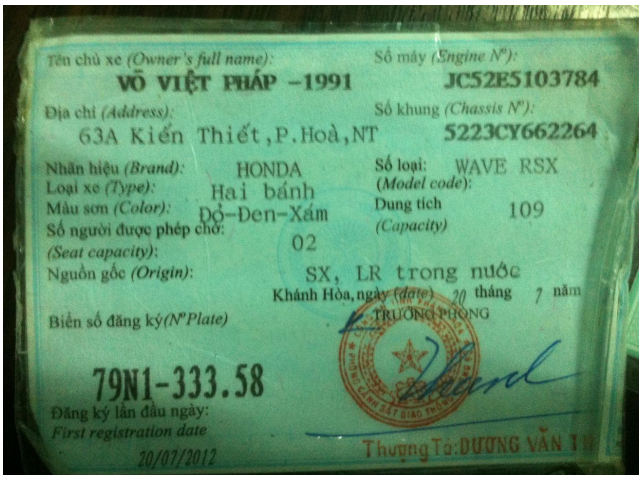
In image **18 - ubD8dHl.jpg** we have a bank deposit slip from Vietcombank. Two names are listed: **Vo Tan Phat** and **Vo Viet Phap**. The address listed for Vo Viet Phap matches the one we found from past WHOIS information for igg-games.com: **62 An Diem, phuong 10, quan 5, Ho Chi Minh**.

The details also mention this is for a virtual private server (VPS) -- **Details: "Tien VPS"**.



Taken from 18 - ubD8dHl.jpg

In the following images **42 - 9RLJbZj.jpg**, **43 - yZdaDUa.jpg**, and **44 - fEuZ7ve.jpg** we have identification cards for Vo Viet Phap:



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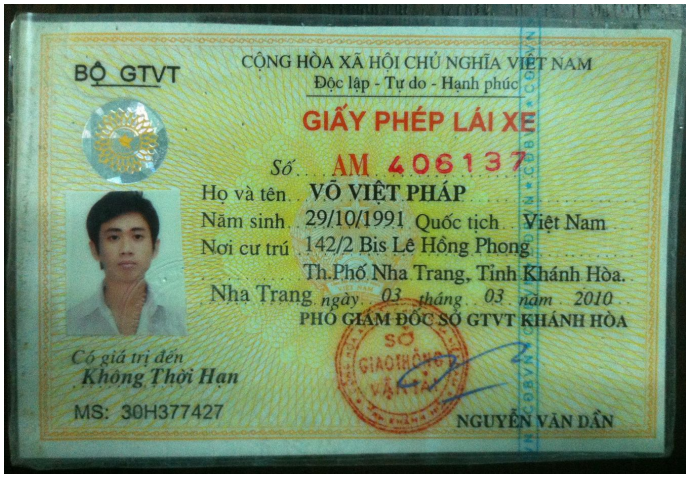
Taken from 43 - yZdaDUa.jpg



Taken from 44 - fEuZ7ve.jpg

In image **28 - 2KFmlQf.jpg** we have a PayPal user named **Viet Phap Vo** and a transaction to GoDaddy.com LLC. He is most likely paying for a domain (that is also their current registrar for both websites).

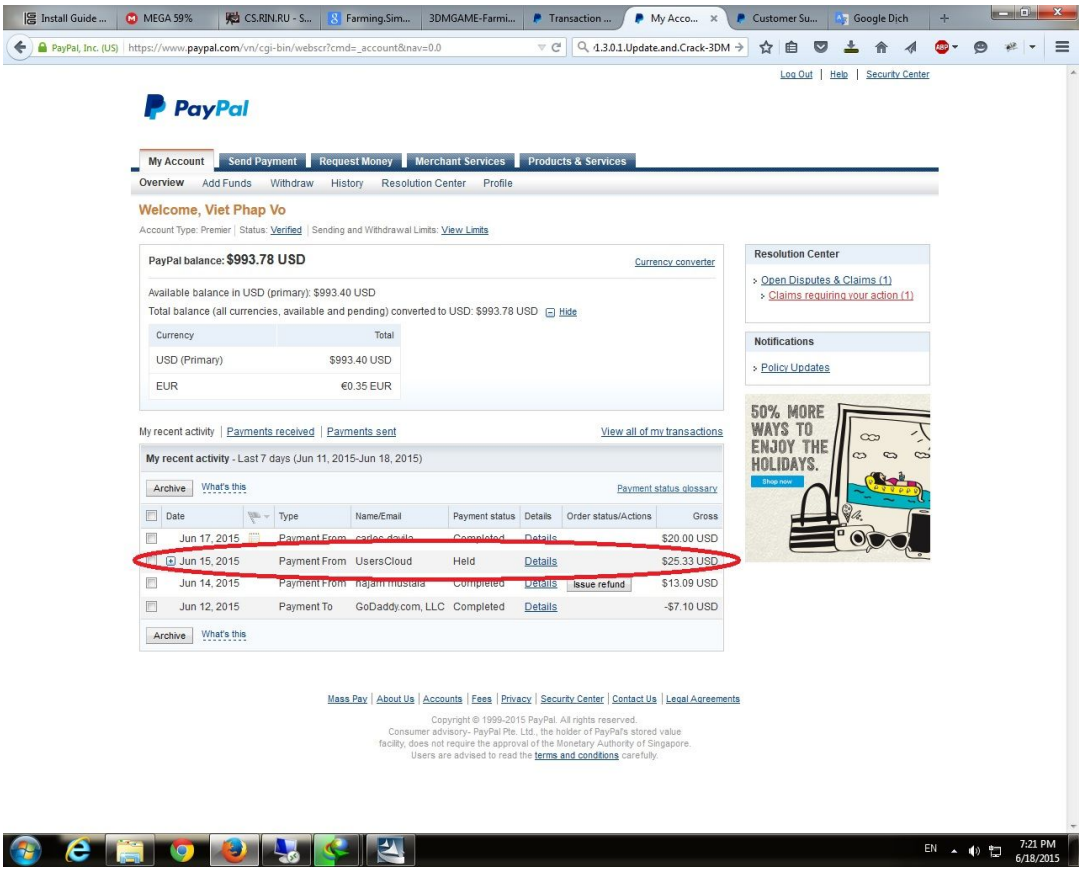


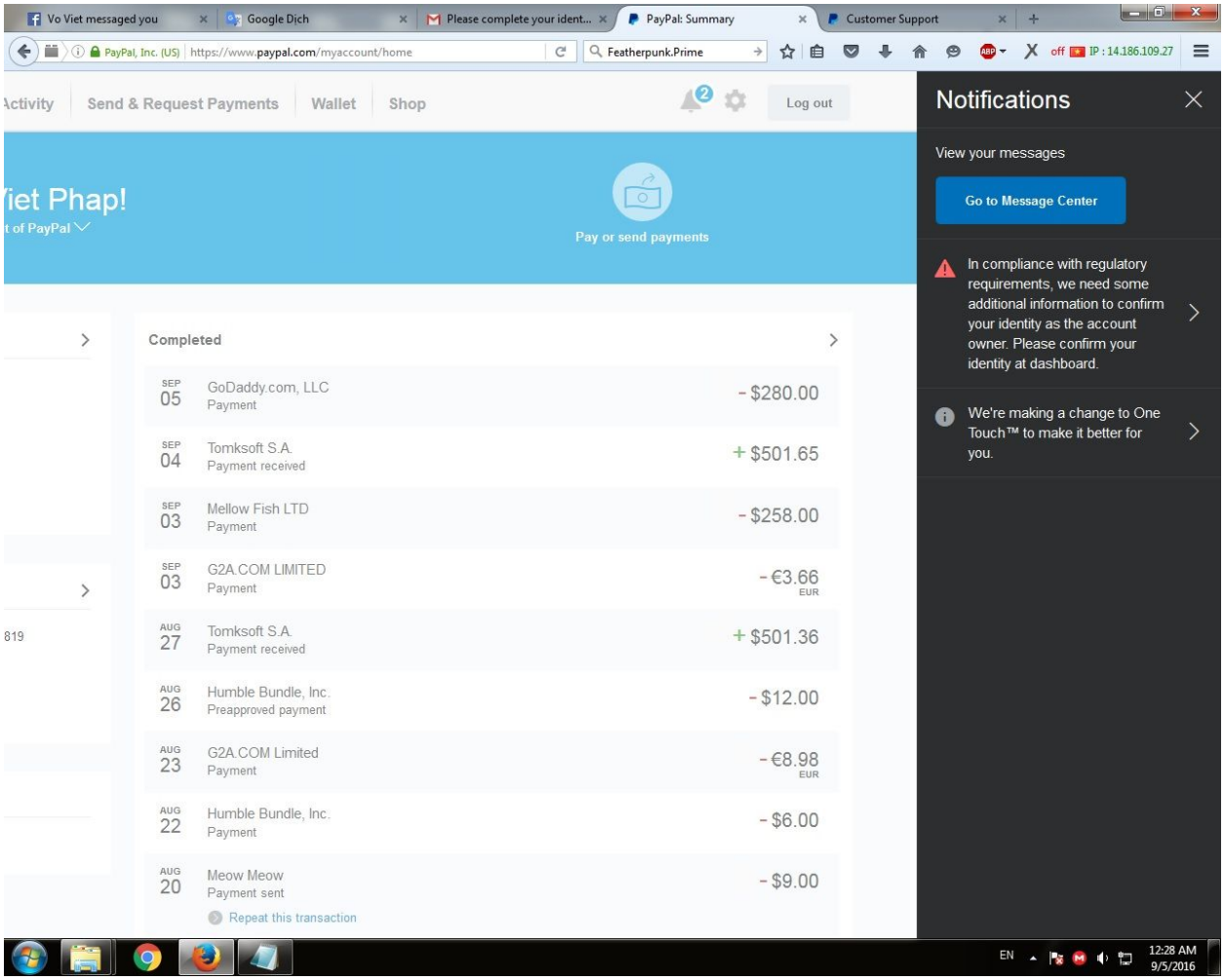
Image 28 - 2KFmlQf.jpg

In image **74 - DuTKpMz.jpg (see below)** we have again the Paypal user Viet Phap listed, payments to GoDaddy, payments to G2A and Humble Bundle (to buy games to distribute via their website most likely) and payments received from Tomksoft S.A. **There is also a Facebook tab open that reads: Vo Viet messaged you.**

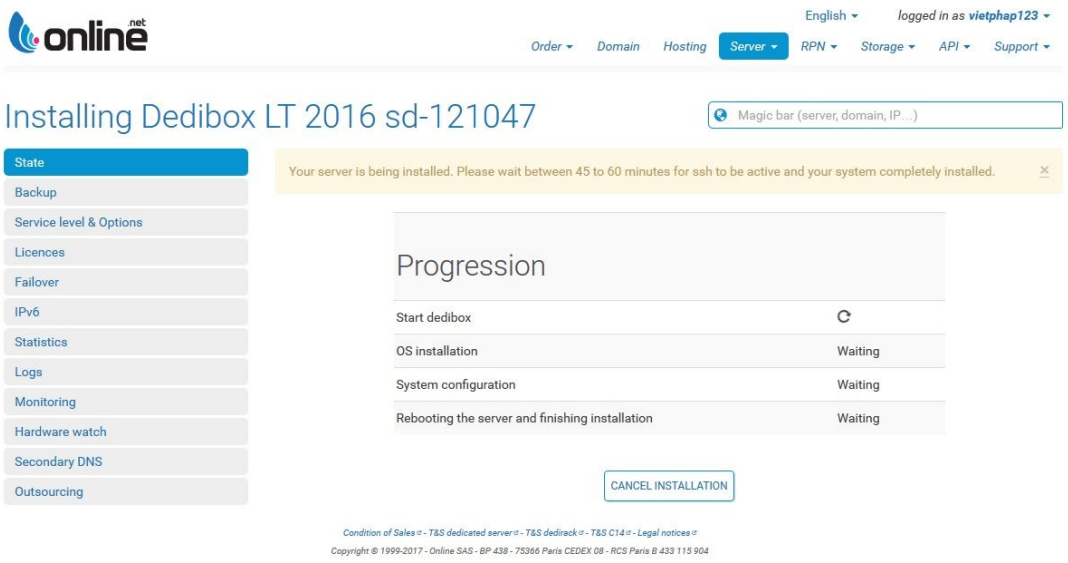
Tomksoft S.A owns popads.net which is an ad network used for generating revenue.

“WHEREAS, Tomksoft S.A. (Tomksoft) is a joint stock company located and registered in Costa Rica and is engaged in the business of providing Pop-under advertising through Popads.net. Popads.net is owned and operated by Tomksoft S.A.”
https://www.popads.net/terms-of-service.html

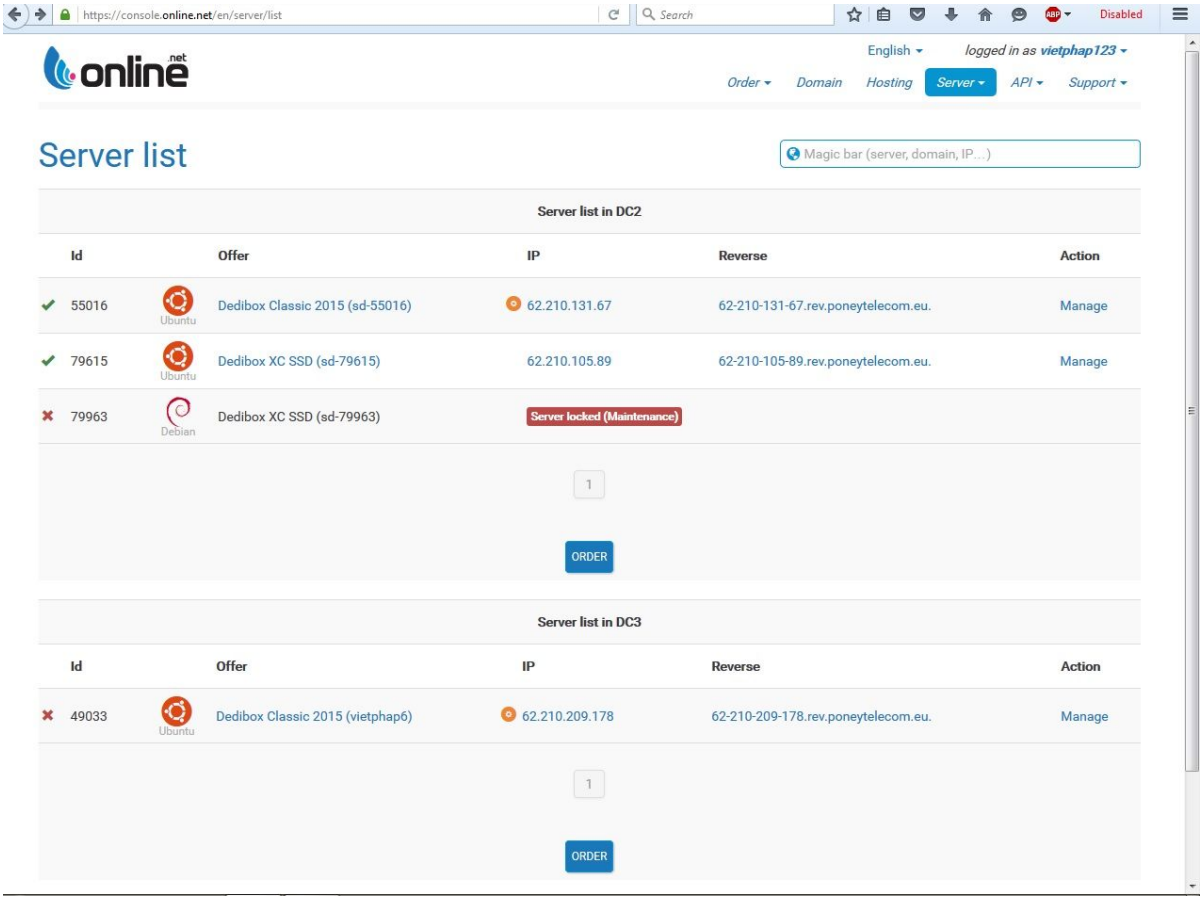
Image 74 - DuTKpMz.jpg



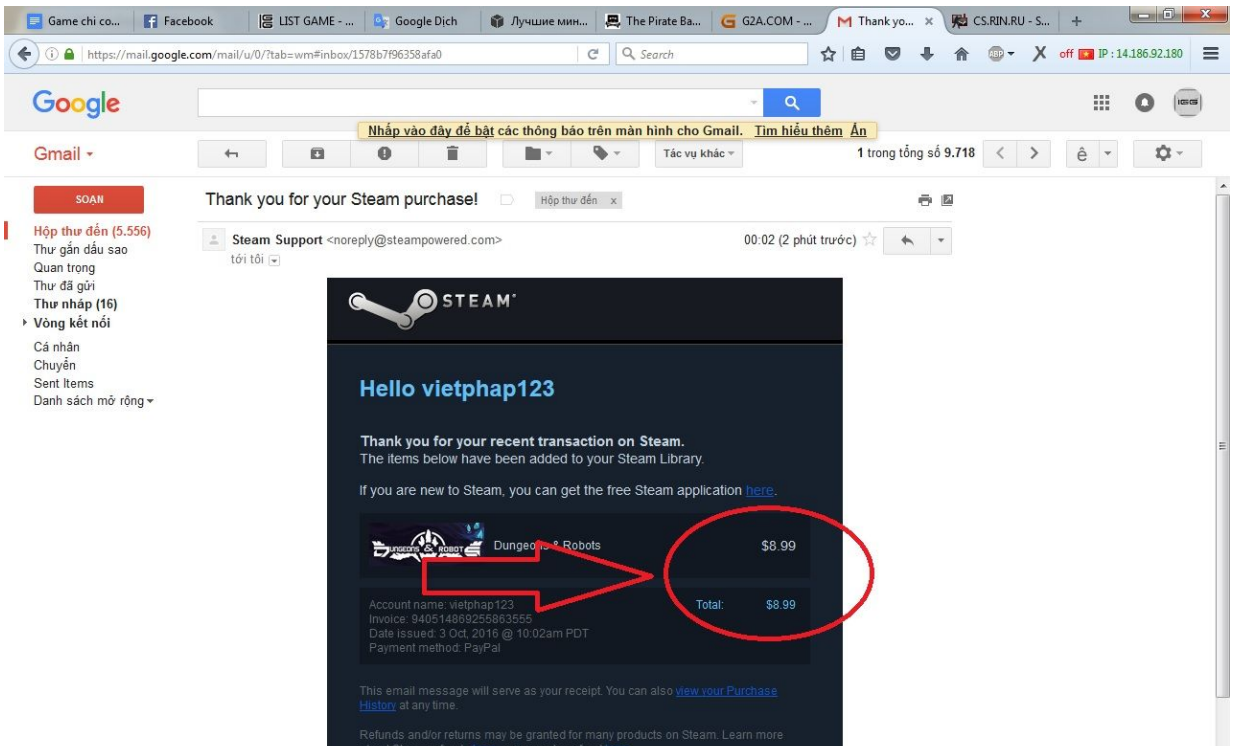
In image **103 - UPZ38qm.jpg** we see the user vietphap123 logged into their Online.net account (top left-hand corner) and installing a server:



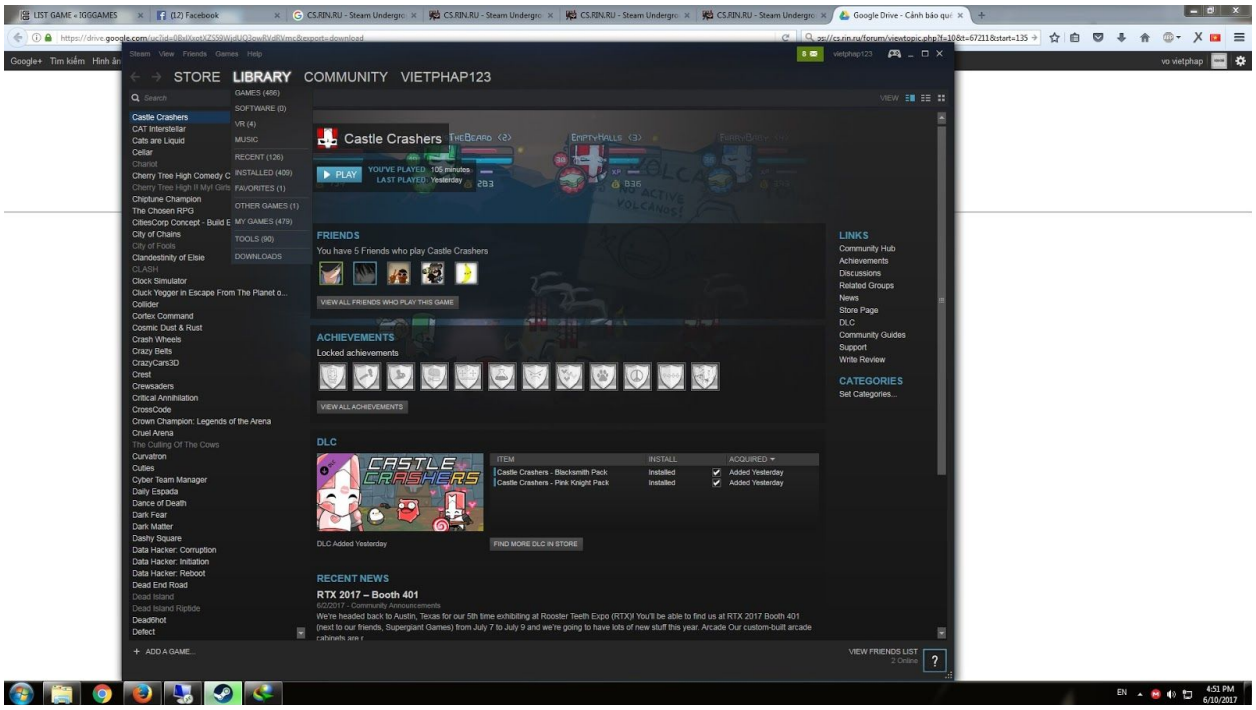
In image **60 - nMbpq9d.jpg** we can again see the user vietphap123 logged into Online.net and a list of servers and IP addresses:



In image **79 - tuMltpF.jpg** we have a Steam receipt with the username vietphap123 listed:



In image **95 - GPW3rxi.jpg** we can see them logged into their Steam account: [vietphap123]:



These are all the images we want to touch on. There are even more in the complete dump you can look at (such as screenshots of the old IGGGAMES kickasstorrent profile & messages with a user and a moderator, private tracker usernames, browsing private tracker trading forums and more).

Again, you may download a complete set of the images from the imgur account dump at:

Anonfiles: https://bit.ly/2Twp4j0

PayPal Account

We discovered a test page which contains their paypal account email address “**iggcontact123@gmail.com**”: http://igg-games.com/test.html | http://archive.is/M2qBe

Final Thoughts

Remember folks, don’t be like these imbeciles and reuse your username, email and password all over the internet -- especially when you operate a high-profile website focused on piracy.

Who knows, maybe bringing this information to light will get a formal investigation started. Trying to remain anonymous seems to be at the bottom of their priority list.